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PRESS Sports

North, Tartars Given Edge, South-Mira Costa Toss-up.

AFL TV GAMES KEEPING RAM FANS AWAY FROM COLISEUM

Two Sundays ago I had the opportunity to unvacate two choice seats at the Coliseum and watch the Bears tangle with the Rams. Last Sabbath day the story was the same for the Lion-Ram affair. I went to neither, instead I warmed the couch at home and viewed the Denver-Boston, Buffalo-Houston games in succeeding weeks. Both contests made up of American Football League squads.

As a result of AFL TV football, the Rams drew 63,000 for the Bear game, normal attendance for this being upwards of 80,000, and the Lion affair drew 53,000 instead of 65,000 and up like usual. The Rams' poor showing this year did not have anything to do in the drop in sales and revenues for Ram home games. The NFL team has had miserable luck in the past, such as 1959, when they won only two games, and it didn't bother the attendance at all. In fact, the Rams broke some records last year in this department. Therefore, it is sensible to assume that rival TV broadcasts, regardless of time shown here in the west, have hurt the bank account of Dan Reeves, battling co-owner of the Rams.

In Defense of TV Games

In weeks to come, the Los Angeles Chargers will be at home and the Rams away. Hirsch and Co. will televise to the West and the situation will be in reverse. Attendance for Charger games will suffer.

Neither the Rams nor the Chargers like this procedure. When either major dome of either club is interviewed, the story or quote is always the same: "Competition is healthy, they won't hurt us." Just pure public relations hogwash. It's hurting them and they know it. The theory here is simple—don't let the people (fans with dollars) know what you are really thinking.

Were NFL or AFL owners speaking for the football enthusiasts here in Southern California they would be speaking the truth. Competition is healthy and monopoly has no chance of becoming deeply rooted. When viewing a game in person or on TV, the fan should always be in a position to choose for himself. The away games piped into your homes created more interest and when there was no TV that Sunday you generally scurried down to the Coliseum and paid your way in. It's different now, you have your choice, get out of the house or sharpen your TV eyesight and see one on the tube.

AFL Is Pro-Ball

Before the current season started I had visions of seeing the Chargers or other AFL teams play like preppers. In almost two months of action this reporter no longer feels that way. In some instances teams of the junior circuit played better and more exciting football than their seniors in the older loop.

Regardless of the low average thus far, i.e., miserable attendance figures in almost all parts of the country, the American Football League is here to stay and let's not kid ourselves—the monster in our living rooms helped tremendously.

Gunter, Morley in Hot Duel

The motorcycle racing season roars into its final two weeks Friday night, Nov. 4, at Ascot Stadium, Gardena, with the two season's championships hanging in the air and unlikely to be settled until J. C. Agajanian's banner 5-foot trophy that goes with windup program Nov. 11.

Al Gunter and Stu Morley are waging a neck and neck race for the title in the expert at Ascot Stadium, Gardena, division, not only for the California two-wheeling championship on a half-mile track but also for the handsome 5-foot trophy that goes with the honor.

SAXONS IN TOUGH ONE FRI. NIGHT

By BRUCE ALLYSON Press Football Writer

The Saxons from North High, after grabbing a 35-0 decision over a cellar-dwelling Leuzinger eleven, tangle with a rejuvenated Hawthorne squad tomorrow night at Saxon Stadium.

The Cougars have won three and lost one in the Bay League standings and are a serious threat for the title tied for second place. The Saxons at 2-1 must get over the Hawthorne eleven to stay in the running for laurels. A tie with the Spartans two weeks ago didn't help their chances a bit.

Hubert, the sensational sophomore quarterback for Shoup's lads passed Leuzinger silly. He connected for a total of 13 of 17 attempts and gave the North squad a rout. It's on the strength of Carey's passing and general all-around leadership abilities that this reporter is favoring a Saxon win tomorrow night. Naturally said with tongue in cheek for Hawthorne, in beating Costa 6-0 last week, displayed an excellent defense and it's this element in football that Hubert and his men must overcome.

The game is set for 8 p.m.

South After First Win

By JOE DIXON Press Football Writer

Whatever way you look at it, it's a toss-up tomorrow night when the Spartans from South High journey to Mira Costa for a Bay League encounter tomorrow night.

But for the likes of Leuzinger South is saved from humiliation by being firmly perched in the 7th spot in the standings. While Mira Costa, losing a close one to Hawthorne 6-0 last week, is placed just a notch higher in the 6th spot in Bay League action.

South is still looking for its first league win of the season. Since besting Dominguez in their first football skirmish this fall, South has looked as if it needed one or two good men on the line to stem opponents from scoring so repeatedly.

On the other hand the Spartans have not lacked the ability to drive for paydirt. With Austin and Wehrhan a one-two punch and a capable end such as Mike Andrews it's a wonder why the green-shirted lads have not won a league encounter.

Mira Costa has had a similar troubles this year and that's why this game will probably be the best as far as being close in this week's acholastic calendar.



NO PENALTY—Cliff Davis, defensive Spartan quarterback, looks like he pushed Morningside's Dick Myer; however, Myer got the pass and was downed immediately. Action is from South-Morningside game played last week.

Eagles No Easy Task for Winning THS Men

By JOHN WHITACRE Press Football Writer

El Segundo's revamped Eagles invade Tartarville tomorrow night to face Coach Irv Kasten's title bound Torrance Varsity in the local's annual homecoming game.

The Eagles, after being favored by many local writers to win the Pioneer League championship this season, have lost two games (Aviation and Culver City) but came back last week with a revamped offense to romp over Lennox 34-19.

Torrance, after defeating Aviation 21-6 last Friday night to become a serious threat for the Pioneer League title, is rated a two touch-down favorite over the upset minded Eagles.

Coach Kasten lauded the play of his defensive crew against Aviation, headed by David Woodward, Julian Almaraz, John Carlson, and Rick Hansen, and also praised the runing of his backs on offense.

El Segundo has possible the league's best back in senior Bob Brodie, who was a first string All-Pioneer League choice last year.

The win over Aviation has opened the door for the Tartars' first possible league championship since 1946, when they competed in the Marine League.

Now all the THS men have to do is defeat El Segundo, Culver City and Lennox in the remaining games, all which will be tough ones for the locals.

Doubtful starters for the Tartars tomorrow night are first stringers Alan Billings and Mike Irvine. Billings, THS slotback, is recovering from a broken nose, while Irvine, the Tartars' hard driving halfback, is on the injury list with a bad foot.

NAME OFFICER

James Leiby, 40, of Sacramento has been named Administrative Officer of the Department of Fish and Game.

Administrative Officer is the highest civil service position in the agency. Leiby had filled the post on an interim basis since March. Fish and Game Director Walter T. Shannon selected him for permanent appointment to the job after Leiby finished first in a statewide examination.



HOWARD TAYLOR, Tartar QB, heading for successful signal-calling honors this year.

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BRANSON IN SPRINT AT ASCOT

Don Branson, Indianapolis race driver from Champaign, Ill., will drive the Bob Estes 220 Offy in the USAC sprint car program next Saturday night, Nov. 5, at Ascot Stadium, Gardena, according to word from J. C. Agajanian.

Branson, 40-year old veteran of the go-fast game finished fourth in the 500-mile classic last Memorial Day, was 1959 midwestern sprint car champion, and finished a close second to A. J. Hoyt of Houston, Tex., for the 1960 eastern championship.

Touch Ball Wins Support

Touch football is going strong in the Torrance Recreation Department, with 10 13-year-olds competing every Wednesday and Friday nights at Walteria Park.

Two leagues are included in this year's program, one the Skyline League, with ages 10-11, and the other the Rocky Mountain League, where ages are 12-13.

In the Skyline League there are six teams competing at the moment, Walteria Park Bruins and the El Retiro Lions are tied for first place with 3-1 records, while the Paradise Rascals, Sea Air Eagles, La Romeria Knights, and the Los Arboles Trojans are also going strong in league action.

Rocky Mountain action for the older boys is held each Wednesday night. The Sea Air Hawks are leading in loop play by rolling over Paradise 68-0, Los Arboles 38-0, and edging out the Walteria Spartans 13-12.

The Torrance Park Bears are in second place in the standings with a 3-1 record, they meet the Hawks next Wednesday night in a title clash.

At the end of the league campaign, there will be a football awards banquet, on Saturday, Dec. 17, trophies will be awarded to the winning teams in both leagues.

VIKINGS, CHARGERS LOSE

In a pair of Pop Warner contests last week the Vikings from Torrance were defeated by the Squires from La Mirada, 13-0 and the Chargers were bested by the Gardena Bolts 28-12.

In the Viking game Joe De Luda and Hank Lopez starred while in the Charger affair Terry Tiedeman and Fred Schwanbeck played well for the losers.

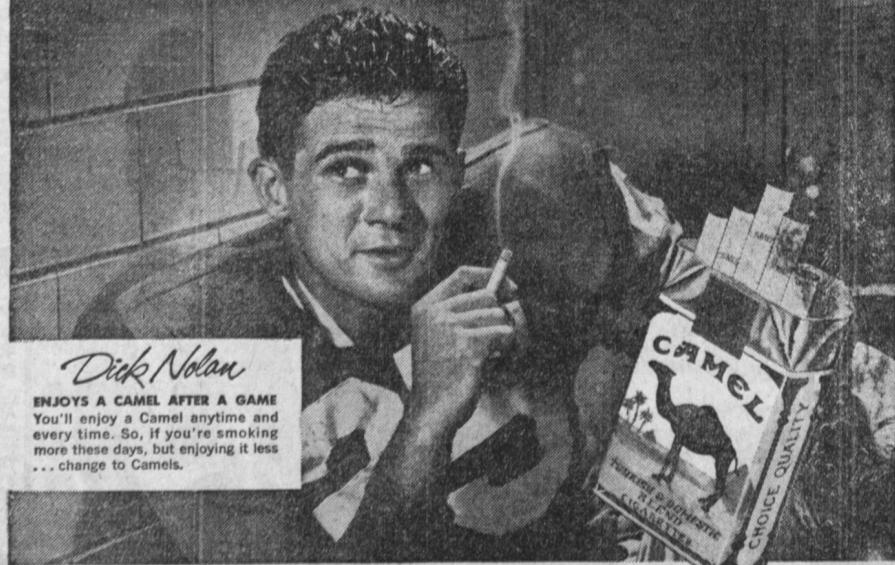
On Sunday the Vikings host San Bernardino "I'll Irish" at Walteria Park at 1:30 p.m. The Chargers journey to Redondo to meet the Beach Chargers at Olson field. Kick-off time is 3 p.m.

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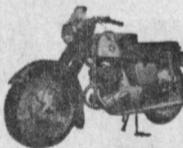
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